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During your visit the National Park Service encourages you to participate in the programs listed below. All programs are free.

Grand Canyon Village

Activity	Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
Human History at Grand Canyon 				
This program March 1–31 only				
Humans have been part of Grand Canyon's history for almost 12,000 years. The beauty that draws people to the canyon today also brought American Indians, prospectors, entrepreneurs, and the National Park Service to this special place. Depending on weather, be prepared for either a short walk along the rim or an indoor program in the Bright Angel History Room. Program presented March 1–31 only.	Patio on the rim side of Bright Angel Lodge	9:00 a.m.	45 min.	Daily
Fossil Walk: Remnant Impressions  				
This program begins April 1				
Walk among brachiopods, sponges, and other marine creatures that thrived on this part of the continent 270 million years ago, before the age of the dinosaurs. This easy 1/2-mile (0.8 km) one-way walk explores an exposed fossil bed along the rim. Parking may be limited; consider parking in Lots C, D, or E or riding the free Village Shuttle to the Bright Angel Lodge stop. This program begins April 1. No programs May 7–9.	Patio on the rim side of Bright Angel Lodge	9:00 a.m.	1 hour	Daily
Introduction to Grand Canyon’s Geology 				
Why is the Grand Canyon so deep, wide, and grand? Why does it exist only here in the world? Come and participate in this fascinating talk to learn how Grand Canyon was formed. Program may include a short walk on a paved path. Plan sufficient time to arrive at the Visitor Center by the free Village Route shuttle bus. No programs May 7–9.	Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza	10:30 a.m.	30–45 min.	Daily
Ranger’s Choice  				
Explore the world of Grand Canyon during this in-depth special program. Topics change daily; check at the Visitor Center for the day's subject. Possible programs include nature walks, Native American culture, or pioneer history. Plan sufficient time to arrive at the Visitor Center by the free Village Route shuttle bus. No programs May 7–9.	Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza	1:00 p.m.	30–45 min.	Daily
Geology Walk: Read the Rocks  				
There is only one Grand Canyon. How did it come to be? Walk with a ranger along the rim and learn how to read the Earth's history in the rocks of the canyon. This is a leisurely 1/2-mile (0.8 km) walk on a paved trail. Parking may be limited; plan to arrive by the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Yavapai Observation Station stop. No programs May 7–9.	Bicycle rack at Yavapai Observation Station	1:30 p.m.	1 hour	Daily
Nature Walk  				
Learn more about the complexity and diversity of nature with a short hike along the rim. Topics vary and may include: animals and plants adapting to changing seasons, man’s impact on nature, how nature inspires writers and poets, rare and endangered species, or Native American use of plants and animals. Parking may be limited; plan to arrive by the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Yavapai Observation Station stop. Walks may be canceled during inclement weather. No programs May 7–9.	Bicycle rack at Yavapai Observation Station	2:30 p.m.	45–60 min.	Daily
Condor Talk: Wings over the Canyon  				
What highly endangered bird with a 9-foot (2.7 m) wingspan is often spotted around Grand Canyon? The California condor! Learn about these wonderful birds in a talk at the canyon's rim. Parking is limited; consider parking at Lots C, D, or E or riding the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Bright Angel Lodge stop. No programs May 7–9.	In front of the Lookout Studio near the Bright Angel Lodge (Climbing stairs may be required.)	3:00 p.m.	30–45 min.	Daily
Colorado River Talk  				
Enjoy the grandeur and power of the Colorado River as you explore and discuss the river's role in Grand Canyon. Program may include a short walk on a paved path. Parking may be limited; plan to arrive by the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Yavapai Observation Station stop. No programs May 7–9.	Bicycle rack at Yavapai Observation Station	4:00 p.m.	30–45 min.	Daily
Evening Program  				
The perfect way to end your day at the Grand Canyon! Relax and enjoy a ranger presentation on a significant aspect of the canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history. For this evening's topic check the schedules posted around the park or call 638-7610. Arrive by walking, driving, or riding the free Village Shuttle Bus. No programs May 16 and 23.	Shrine of Ages Auditorium (Parking Lot A, next to Park Headquarters)	7:30 p.m.	1 hour	Daily

Note: All children must be accompanied by an adult on all programs.

 These programs are wheelchair accessible with assistance. Wheelchairs are available for loan at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza. For programs meeting at the Visitor Center, handicap access is by wheelchair or accessibility shuttle from Mather Point parking lot.



All outdoor programs are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather or when lightning danger is present.



These family-oriented programs are ideal for meeting the ranger program requirement for the Grand Canyon’s Junior Ranger award. Any ranger program, however, will meet the requirement on page 2 of the *Junior Ranger Activity Booklet*.

We hope that learning more about Grand Canyon National Park and its resources will lead to a greater appreciation of your national park. Many programs, except the Evening Program, are cancelled May 7–9 to allow our rangers to attend training.

Special Programs

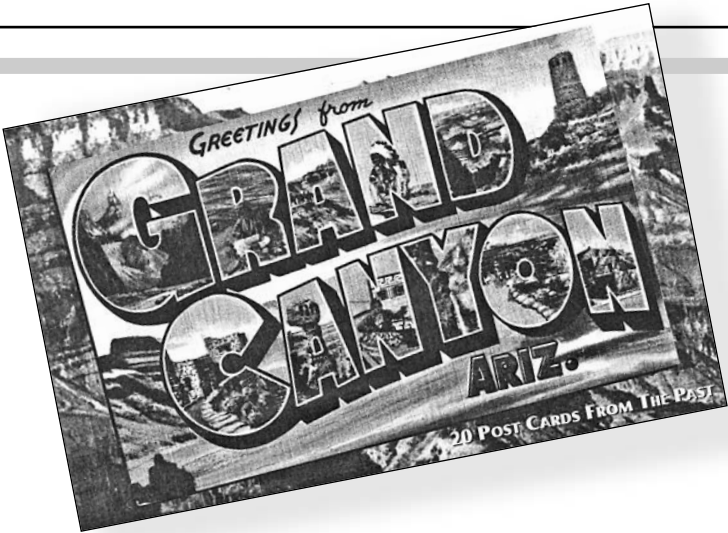
Activity	Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
Full Moon Walks and Star Talks ⚡				
During evenings around full moon and new moon, rangers will offer moon walks and star talks as staffing and weather permit. Check bulletin boards at the visitor centers and campgrounds to see if these events are scheduled or call (928) 638-7644 to confirm program time and frequency. Programs begin one hour after sunset (see page 4 for sunset times). Check at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza for current information.	Eastern-most promontory at Mather Point	1 hour after sunset	1 hour	As staffing and weather permit
Canyon View Visitor Center Dailies ♿ 👤				
Throughout the day at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza rangers offer a variety of short programs on geology, culture, and the flora and fauna of Grand Canyon. Check the bulletin boards at the Visitor Center to see what is on the menu for today.	Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza	Times vary	20–30 min.	As staffing permits
Additional Special Programs				
As staffing permits, rangers will offer additional programs such as sunset talks at Yavapai Observation Station, tours of Kolb Studio, and rim walks at the flagpole near El Tovar Hotel. Look for signs at these locations to confirm times and availability.	Locations vary	Times vary	Varies	As staffing permits

Desert View and Tusayan Museum

Glimpses of the Past ♿ ⚡				
Consider the ancient people who called Grand Canyon “home” 800 years ago. How did they thrive in this environment? Join a ranger for a walk on a 0.1 mile (0.2 km) flat, paved trail and see the remains of an ancestral Puebloan village.	Tusayan Museum , 3 miles (4.8 km) west of Desert View	11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	30–45 min. 30–45 min.	Daily Daily

Phantom Ranch

Ranger Programs ⚡				
These programs begin March 6				
Programs are given daily at Phantom Ranch, reachable only by hiking or riding the mules to the bottom of the canyon. Talks cover a wide range of natural and cultural history topics. Upon arrival, check the Bright Angel Campground bulletin board or the Phantom Ranch Canteen for program locations and subjects. Programs begin March 6. No programs May 6–9.	Phantom Ranch , reachable only by hiking or mule ride	4:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	45 min. 45 min.	Daily Daily



Historic Kolb Studio Art Exhibits

March 1–29: Art for Our Park – Legacies

Children from Grand Canyon community’s school explore the importance of history through art as part of a celebration of National Youth Art Month. Admission is free.

April 12–July 15: Wish You Were Here

Postcards, letters and other documents sent from the Grand Canyon between 1900 and 1950 document the impact of the gaping chasm on visitors of that time. The canyon’s postal history, stamps, “Mule Mail,” and rail mail are all part of the story. Admission is free.

Grand Canyon Association Lecture Series at the Shrine of the Ages Auditorium

Bert Loper: Grand Old Man of the Colorado
Presented by Brad Dimock
Monday, March 12, 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Bert Loper’s name is well-known among Colorado River runners as one of the great old-time boatmen. Yet little is known of him other than his spectacular demise . He died at the age of eighty sitting at the oars while running one last rapid. Join author and river runner Brad Dimock for a rollicking ride through the life of this legendary boatman.

Grand Obsession: Harvey Butchart and the Exploration of Grand Canyon’s Backcountry
Presented by Elias Butler and Thomas Myers, M.D.
Monday, March 19, 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Following a routine tour bus stop at the South Rim, Harvey Butchart found his life’s great purpose: to plunge into the canyon and decipher its mysteries, to climb its peaks and buttes, and to record his findings for the rest of us. Join authors Elias Butler and Tom Myers as they discuss Butchart’s feats, tragedies and legacy.

All lectures are free and open to the public.



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